

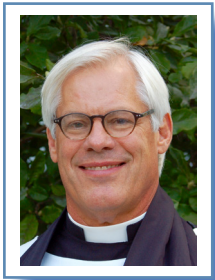
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Mother Earth Is Our Neighbor

Spring | Summer 2019



The Rev. Brian W. McGurk
Rector

I recently took a week off from church work for a so-called “stay-cation.” Surprisingly the sun even managed to break through the gray murk of our so-called Cape Cod spring (an oxymoron if there ever was one!). My stay-cation involved work—yard work, hard work! Mowing, mulching, edging, planting, weeding, power washing, graveling the drive.... And, I

would add, battling—battling dandelions by hand! No toxic chemicals to poison them into oblivion, but instead a hand-tool to yank them out...one by one by one, ad nauseam, man against weed.

My battle also included a devil in the form of a Red Squirrel. He had eaten his way through some barn boards in our porch in order to create a vacation home for himself inside the walls. One afternoon I banged on the wall near the hole he had gnawed. He rocketed out, literally flying over our heads, terrifying Diane and sending Archie (not the new member of the royal family, but our dog!) into a frenzy.

“Sylvester” the Squirrel needed to be evicted! And eventually he was. But not by assassination. (Even though two members of our family of three voted for it.)

Although destructive and a pest, this squirrel is, in the eyes of St. Francis, “Brother” Squirrel, not an “it” but a “thou,” an equal member in the community of life that includes *all* of God’s Creation: “the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets and this fragile earth our island home” (Eucharistic Prayer C; *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 370). Angels and archangels; the human race; animals; plants; organic and inorganic matter. All of it.

That same week the United Nations issued

an exhaustive report entitled *The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* (IPBES). The report was 1,500 pages long, compiled by 450 scientists, endorsed by 131 countries, and incorporated 15,000 scientific reports. In response to this report, The New York Times commented: “Humans are transforming Earth’s natural landscapes so dramatically that as many as one million plant and animal species are now at risk of extinction, posing a



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dire threat to ecosystems that people all over the world depend on for their survival, a sweeping new United Nations assessment has concluded.”

Robert Watson, a top NASA and British scientist who headed the report, said: “The findings are not just about saving plants and animals, but about preserving a world that’s becoming harder for humans to live in...”

The exploitation and degradation of Mother Earth will adversely affect the well-being of all peoples and all nations triggering economic, political, and social upheaval. Countering this is the moral imperative to respect the dignity of all members of God’s Creation. The Baptismal Covenant states it this way: “Will you cherish the wondrous

works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?”

The given answer is, “I will, with God’s help.”

While it is true to say that this is a moral issue, it is equally a spiritual issue, as one scientist commented: “...the new report does acknowledge that nature also has a spiritual or inspirational value that can often be ‘difficult to quantify.’”

When we encounter and experience nature in all its glory, beauty and sacredness, it elicits responses and reactions of wonder, awe, respect, reverence, gratitude, and mystery. These are spiritual terms that describe an encounter with the Living God. Martin Luther said, “God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees and in the flowers and clouds and stars.” And St. Bonaventure said that the fingerprint of God is found in all that God created.

Enter Jesus who proclaims: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” And remember His Golden Rule: “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This

is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

“...Love your neighbor as yourself.” Mother Earth is our neighbor. Animals are our neighbors, as is soil, water, oceans, flowers, faunas.... We love God by loving God’s created world.

Thich Nhat Hanh is a Buddhist monk who has authored over 100 books. He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Martin Luther King, Jr. He is a spiritual guide for millions of people. He is a peace activist, and a person of love. In his book *At Home In the World*, he writes: “Every morning in winter when I wake up, I put on some warm clothes and go out to take a walk around the Upper Hamlet. It is usually still dark outside, and I walk gently, in touch with the nature all around me, the sky, the moon, and the stars. One time, after walking, I came back to my hut and wrote this sentence: ‘I am in love with Mother Earth.’”

“I was as excited as a young man who had fallen in love. My heart was beating with excitement. It is true—as soon as I even just think about going outside to walk on the Earth and enjoy nature, her beauties and wonders, my heart is already filled with joy. The Earth gives me so much. I am so in love with her. It’s a wonderful love and there is no betrayal.

We entrust our heart to the Earth, and she entrusts herself to us, with her whole being.”

Thich Nhat Hahn, and many other scientists, theologians, and average folk, all know that *Mother Earth is our neighbor*. He continues: “I have learned that my home, my country, is the whole planet Earth. I do not limit my love to a tiny piece of land in Asia, Vietnam. I have experienced a lot of transformation and healing thanks to this insight. If your love is still too small, you have to enlarge your heart. Your love has to embrace the whole planet Earth.”

Love is what fuels heartfelt, hands-on care and compassion for our creation: “Real change will only happen when we fall in love with our planet. Only love can show us how to live in harmony with nature and

God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees and in the flowers and clouds and stars.

each other and save us from suffering the devastating effects of climate change. When we recognize the virtues and talents of the Earth, we feel connected to her, and love is born. We want to be connected. That is the meaning of love: to be at one. When you love someone you want to take care of them as you would

take care of yourself. When we love the Earth like this, it's a reciprocated love. We'll do anything for the benefit of the Earth, and the Earth will do anything for our well-being." (Ibid.)

You are my disciples, says Jesus, when you love—not only each other—but *all of my creation*.



photo: Jane Harris

The Earth-Honoring Faith Committee

The Earth-Honoring Faith Committee at St. Christopher's has been formed, organized and is ready for action. The steering team is comprised of Chuck Bartlett, Peggy Davis, Tessa English, Shilo Felton, Jane Harris, Paul Minus, and Rector McGurk. Approximately twenty parishioners have attended our meetings, bringing varied interests and skills but a common commitment to become better stewards of our Earth Home. Our proposed actions will span three areas: Education, Sustainable Practices, and Advocacy.

Our committee is part of a wider Cape Cod effort—joining with twenty-two other faith communities across Cape Cod and the Islands within an organization called Faith Communities Environmental Network (FCEN), of which our Rector is co-chair. FCEN, under the umbrella of the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative (CCCCC), meets

to share what the various churches on Cape Cod are doing in order to protect and preserve the air, water, and land within which we live, and plants and animals and with whom we share our planet.

The mission of our committee is to work to help our whole church become more knowledgeable about:

- How our earth home has become imperiled by generations of human actions;
- How the Christian faith points in new earth-honoring, morally-compelling directions; and
- How we can implement those new directions in our church building, in our homes and in the wider communities to which we belong.

We welcome all parishioners to join us in this important ministry, which meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 4 pm in the Parish Hall.

Knitters from the Heart

Calling all knitters at St. Christopher's to knit our way into the public square as well as the public's hearts.

The Shawl Ministry at St. Christopher's Church has been a quiet yet effective small ministry for a number of years. Knitters get together once a month in the church library and knit shawls to be delivered to parishioners who are ill, recovering from illness, facing difficult times, mourning a loved one, etc. The shawls are blessed once or twice a year and have proved to be a welcome expression of compassion and concern.

The Shawl Ministry is headed by Ann Ward. Barbara Gibson, Stephanie Bartlett, Judy Tierney and several other knitters produce about a dozen shawls a year. In the past, the Shawl Ministry has sponsored a table of knitted goods at the Christmas Fair. Leftover items were donated to the Angel Fund or to St. Christopher's Gift and Consignment shop. The knitters now find themselves in the enviable position of having a good supply of shawls, both blessed and waiting to be blessed. It seems to be a good time to redefine the goals of this small but dedicated ministry.

A new name, *Knitters From the Heart*, will expand the ministry's reach. In the autumn, knitters will be asked to knit hats and mittens for the Angel Fund's mitten tree. From January through April, knitters will work on knitting 6' strips to be made into blankets for the homeless, a project sponsored by Chatham's Great

photo: Jamie Chalker



Author Barbara Gibson, Ann Ward, and Stephanie Bartlett

Yarn knitting store. This year, the store's goal is for 150 blankets to be distributed by the Cape's organizations serving homeless individuals. From April through the summer, knitters will work on shawls so that the church's inventory of shawls will not be depleted.

We need knitters! Anyone who loves to knit is invited to participate in this expanded ministry. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 2 pm, September through May. If you need supplies, we will have copies of patterns for hats and mittens, yarn, and an assortment of needles in a basket in the library to get you started. Come knit with us or knit on your own. Happy Knitting!

What is the Cloister Society and Why Does it Matter?



David Smith
Co-Chair,
Cloister Society

As a church community, St. Christopher's has been blessed with many gifts, and our ministries are growing. Our resources are strong and the generosity of our parishioners is abundant. But, those resources are stretched, despite our annual stewardship, the Gift and Consignment Shop, and our special events. The Vestry and

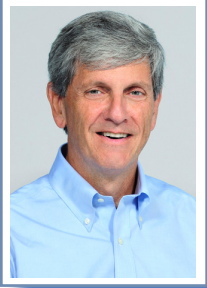
Finance Committee established a goal of increasing the church's endowment, which currently stands at just under two million dollars, to at least five million dollars over the next few years. A strong endowment not only is a "rainy day" buffer, but also allows us to bring stability

to the annual operations by prudently drawing on the income from the endowment to help fund our staff and ministries.

An endowment is best built from gifts and bequests to the church from the estate plans of our parishioners, not from another short term campaign. The Cloister Society was established to recognize those who have already included St. Christopher's in their estate plans. We have 38 in our congregation who have joined the Cloister Society, and we need to double that to help build the Endowment. Please consider joining the Cloister Society and help to preserve the future of St. Christopher's for generations to come.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact David Smith at 737-2858 or Pieter Schiller at 945-1934.

Opt In and Save a Tree!



Joe Meeks
Chair, Stewardship
Committee

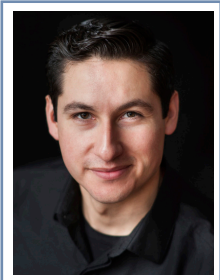
St. Christopher's will begin distributing quarterly pledge statements using electronic mail in order to improve service, reduce postage and printing expenses by \$2,000/year, ease the administrative burden on our committees and office staff, and best of all, save a tree!

While we encourage the use of email, we fully respect that some members may prefer to continue receiving printed pledge statements. For this reason, the Finance and

Stewardship committees will be contacting all who pledged during last year's campaign so that we may learn your preference. We will begin by contacting those with an email on file (via email of course), and then calling members who do not have an email address on file to determine their preference. You will continue to receive printed copy until we receive confirmation that you are opting in to email notification.

Many thanks for considering to opt in. If this works well, we hope to expand the use of email to other notifications as well. Every time we send one less item via U.S. mail we redirect pledge monies to higher priority programs and do our part to save the planet.

Good Wishes and Welcome...



Maury A. Castro
Director of
Communications

At the end of June, Parish Administrator Jamie Chalker will retire from the position that she has held under two rectors, for over 27 years. St. Christopher's owes an enormous debt to Jamie, who has served tirelessly and skillfully through many changes during her time. A celebratory reception will be held in Jamie's honor after the 10 am Choral

Eucharist on Sunday, June 30.

Rector McGurk recently said about Jamie: "It is difficult, if not impossible, for me to imagine a St. Christopher's *without* a Jamie Chalker at the administrative wheel. For 27 years (16 of which I have been Rector), Jamie (or 'Chalker,' as I am fond of calling her!) has warmly, faithfully, graciously, kindly, and steadfastly served our congregation. No task has been too small or trivial, nor any challenge so big or overwhelming that Jamie has not jumped right in to help. In many instances at her own peril! There is so much I can say, and yet perhaps it is my (our) deep gratitude, thanksgiving, affection, and appreciation that says it all. Please join me in celebrating all the goodness and love that has come to us through the presence of Jamie making our lives and our church better. 'Chalker' will be missed!"

St. Christopher's is pleased to announce that Bridgette Renaud will be filling the role of Parish Administrator, beginning July 1. Bridgette is known to



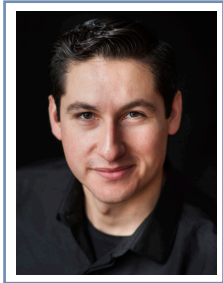
Jamie Chalker



Bridgette Renaud

our congregation as assistant treasurer (since 2012), a role that she will continue to maintain as she takes on her new role. With several years of experience in professional administration and hospitality coordination, Bridgette is well-known as highly qualified, organized, skilled, positive, and a joyful presence. Welcome Bridgette!

And The Choristers March (Process) On...



Maury A. Castro
Organist &
Choirmaster

There have been many developments with the Choir School of late. Four of our choristers have advanced to new levels of musicianship in the Royal School of Church Music *Voice for Life* program: Chiara Castro, Emma Gingras, Abby McLardy, and Mercy McLardy. This means that they have demonstrated proficiency at a certain level of musicianship and education, including knowledge in music reading, theory, aural skills, liturgy, history, and vocal production. Many thanks to their instructors, Charolotte Byrne, Susan Sargent, and Happy Van Sickle, for working with them every week!

Also, the Choir School hosted an open house on Tuesday, May 14, in which six prospective choristers participated. We hope to welcome these singers into the Choir School in the autumn!

Finally, I am once again pleased to take choristers from our Choir School to the Royal School of Church Music Choir Training Course in Newport, Rhode Island, this summer. The course runs from July 22 to 28, and culminates in a weekend of liturgies and festivities. The music director is Scott Hanoian, Director of Music and Organist at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and the organist is Janet Yieh, Associate Organist at Trinity Wall Street in New York City. The choristers attending are Paul and Mercy McLardy (as well as their Choirmaster!). Many thanks to Joan and Dick Greene for underwriting our participation in this event with a generous gift in loving memory of Arthur and Berjouhi Spencer.



Treble Choristers, Bell Choir, and Adult Choir process on Palm Sunday

Choir School Visitation Day



Pipe Organ Update



Pieter Schiller
Chair,
Organ Committee

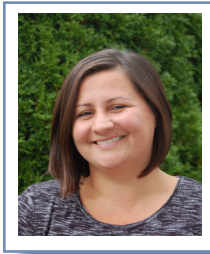
I'm pleased to share that plans for the choir loft and organ installation continue to develop positively. Currently, final designs for the choir loft are being developed by Maugel Architects. Once these are completed, they will be submitted to three local contractors, who will bid on the project. Once a bid is awarded, plans will be made for building

the choir loft in early 2020. The organ will then be installed in early 2021.

\$1,552,824 has been pledged to date, with \$1,314,444 already received. Over 155 persons or families pledged to this project!

Once the organ is installed and voiced, a dedicatory liturgy and concert series will take place in 2021. Plans are underway to invite solo recitalists to showcase the instrument in free concerts, open to the public. Furthermore, collaborative concerts with local ensembles such as the Chatham Chorale Chamber Singers, Skylark Vocal Ensemble, and the Cape Symphony are being explored.

Vacation Bible Camp!



Debra Gebhardt
Director,
Children, Youth,
& Families

The countdown to the end of the school year is here, and I've got summer on my mind!

Hopefully summer is a chance for us all to slow down, unwind, and recharge. My plans for the summer include reflecting on my first year here at St. Christopher's and planning new and exciting things for the year to come, while soaking up the sun at the beach, of course.

And summer is all about Vacation Bible Camp. For those of you who don't know, VBC is a one week, three hour day camp for kids ages 4–12. A collaboration between St. Christopher's and the First Congregational Church, the camp is filled with nonstop fun, while teaching the stories of the Bible and experiencing the love of God. This year the theme of VBC is "Camp



VBC fun!

Adventure." And the games, stories, and events we have planned will be a roller coaster of fun!

VBC will be held July 15–19 from 9 am to noon. We are looking for help preparing and setting up the week before. We are also looking for help during the hours of camp. If you think you might find yourself missing the sound of little voices reciting the "Our Father" please consider becoming a VBC volunteer. We have so many different ways to help, so don't hesitate to sign up! We need you. Peace, blessings and (fingers crossed) warm sunshine.

Ministry of the Verger

The role of the verger in the modern church is to assist the clergy in the preparation and conduct of liturgies. It is an ancient order, dating back to medieval cathedrals, where the verger was the "Protector of the Procession." Today, in many parishes and cathedrals you will see a verger ceremonially leading the procession, often carrying a "virge," or staff of office.

In our parish, we share duties among four vergers, with the head verger providing training for eucharistic ministers and acolytes and participating as part of the Liturgy, Worship, and Music Committee. Our Sunday duties begin well before the appointed service time coordinating with the altar guild, verifying that all assigned participants have arrived (eucharistic ministers, acolytes, lay readers), making sure the Gospel Book is properly marked for the day's lesson, lighting the candles, etc. This frees up the celebrant and allows them to properly prepare for the eucharist.

We have recently acquired a virge, which will be used to lead the procession on high holy days. In early churches the participants stood through the service, since there were no benches or chairs. It could be a bit chaotic, so the verger led the procession into the church or cathedral, clearing the way for the procession. We are a *bit* less chaotic at St. Christopher's, so the verger will merely lead the procession to begin the service.

The service begins with the verger coordinating with the organist, setting up the procession and rounding up last minute strays. As the service progresses, the verger ensures all participants are ready for the upcoming gospel procession and eucharist. While the offering is being taken the verger prepares the altar, and during communion ensures the celebrant has sufficient host and keeps the chalices filled. Post communion, the verger clears the table and returns the altar to the celebrant to conclude the service.

While we have a small cadre of vergers, there are many in parishes across the country. Membership in the Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church, founded in 1989, has grown to over 1400. While initially a cathedral function, the verger has become an integral part of many parishes, and an important partner with the priest and the Altar Guild in our liturgies.



Author and Head Verger David Smith holds the new virge

Goll Farm School: We Are Making a Difference!



Peter Hughes
Member, Together
With Africans
Committee

The Goll Farm Elementary School in Bong County, Liberia is our connection and mission in Africa. Under the leadership of The Rev. Prince & Relheta Wreh some 280 children in grades K through 9 are being educated under challenging conditions. The country of Liberia is one of the poorest in the world. The economy is struggling and unfortunately the government has not given education the priority so desperately needed. Our school provides a safe haven for our students.

The generosity of the St. Christopher's community and others has helped to support and grow Goll Farm School into a vibrant source of educational opportunities for these children. We have been associated with the school for more than a decade and have seen children progress rapidly in their quest to learn. Fellow church members Steve Keenan, Jackie Venner, The Rev. Gail and David Smith, Barbara

Gibson, and Linda and Peter Hughes have travelled to the school and experienced first hand the fruits of our continued support.

For the second year we are asking you to provide a scholarship for a student at Goll Farm School. It costs \$200 to provide a full year education per student. This doesn't sound like very much to those of us here on Cape Cod, but it is everything to a struggling family in Liberia. They need our help and I am asking you to become a scholarship donor.

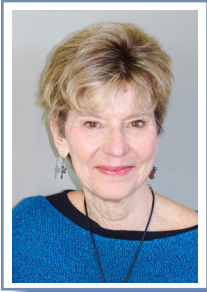
A full year scholarship is \$200 and a half year scholarship is \$100. In 2018 you provided 50 scholarships. For 2019 our goal is 60 scholarships. If you would like to donate to the Goll Farm scholarship fund to further the education of these students, please make your check payable to St. Christopher's Episcopal Church and note: Goll Farm Scholarship on the memo line. You may also make a secure donation online on the Together with Africans page of the church website.

Please remember: Education is one thing that cannot be taken away.

Kindergarten students at Goll Farm Community School showing off their new tee shirts. Little kids wear red tee shirts and red socks as their uniform.



Meet Judith Felton



Judith Felton
Lay Pastoral
Associate

Over the past year, since moving to Chatham full time, I experienced St. Christopher's as both my anchor and my lighthouse. The magic of this spiritual community has guided and enriched me in ways for which I can only be thankful.

So, it is with this in mind that I express how grateful and honored I am to be your new Lay Pastoral Associate. I am even

honored that I follow in the shoes of Anne Wormer, who has been a gracious mentor and role model for me.

My role entails the following:

- **Stephen Ministry:** I am overseeing and supporting our Stephen Ministry Program, our Stephen Minister Leaders, and our Stephen Ministers. After completing a course provided by the Stephen Ministry program, our Stephen Ministers are prepared to be supportive and present caregivers to parishioners who may be struggling through a transition or who might benefit from an ongoing caring relationship. Our current Stephen Minister Leaders are Susan Newlin, Carolyn Otis (who may also serve as Stephen Ministers) and me. Our Stephen Ministers are: Don Chalker, Ali Crockett, Vi Fellman,

Larry Jobson, Anne Flash, Tom Cottrell, Susan Dimm, Sandy Arnold, and Martha Crane. We also partner with the Stephen Ministry Program at First Congregational Church in Chatham. Please contact me for more information about the Stephen Ministry program.

- **Pastoral Care:** I am assisting the Rector with pastoral care and visitation. In addition to visitation, I also see individuals in my office at the church.
- **Bereavement Support Groups:** I will be facilitating bereavement support groups for individuals, both within our parish and community, experiencing the grief and challenges that follow loss. Our first group will begin on Thursday, May 23, at 10:30 am, and will run for five weeks. We will determine the best day and time to meet at our first meeting. Please contact me for information about the group and process for registration.

I may be reached at 945-2832, ext. 311, or at jfelton@stchristopherschatham.org.

Stephen Ministers (L to R): Cindy Doutrich, Pat Caswell, Diane Semsel, Susan Newlin, Sylvia Post, Anita Nicoll, Susan Dimm, Anne Flash, Sandy Arnold, Martha Crane, Judith Felton, and Tom Cottrell.



About Judith

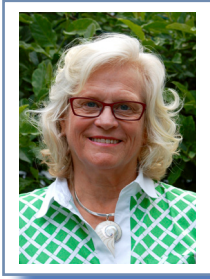
Judith Felton and her husband, Greg Horne, moved to Chatham full time in January 2018. She is newly retired from 27 years as a professor and Program Coordinator of Human Services and Social Work education at Middlesex Community College in Middletown, Conn. During her tenure there, she taught courses in Gerontology, Death and Dying, Counseling, Child, Adolescent, and Developmental Psychology, Abnormal Psychology and Social Work fieldwork. She also collaborated with community colleagues in offering Spirituality and Aging workshops and a workshop on Aging and the Arts. In addition to her work at the Community College, Judith practiced as a Medical Social Worker, working in home care social work, hospital social work, and hospice. She also served as

social work consultant with non-profits working with individuals living with the challenges of aging, mental illness, and developmental disabilities.

Currently, Judith is working as a Stephen Minister Leader and will continue on as the Stephen Minister Liaison/Supervisor for the parish. She came to this role after having served as a Stephen Minister trainer in her former parish in Middletown, Conn.

Judith and Greg have three children: Hilary, Mason, and Noah. They also are thrilled to have two terrific daughters-in-law: Chloe, married to Mason, and Mandy, married to Noah. Please join me in warmly welcoming Judith as she embarks on her new role.

Violent Grace Exhibition



Sandra Bowden
Curator, The Gallery
at St. Christopher's

The Gallery is pleased to present the summer art exhibition, *Violent Grace*, by Edward Knippers. Knippers' paintings are dramatic tableaux, Baroque in their expressive intensity and theatrical settings; they do what many art historians have said could never be done again: make the classical biblical subjects come alive in paint. For more information about the show from various sources,

and to view more images from the show, go to www.stchristopherschatham.org/gallery.

The following is the first portion of a statement by Edward Knippers himself, which provides a window into the meaning behind the works in this exhibition.

"The human body is at the center of my artistic imagination because the body is an essential element of the Christian doctrines of Creation, Incarnation, and Resurrection.

"Disembodiment is not an option for the Christian. Christ places His Body and His Blood at the heart of our faith in Him. Our faith comes to naught if the incarnation was not accomplished in actual time and space—if God did not send His Son to us in a real body with real blood.

"Heresy results when we try to minimize the presence or pre-eminence of the body and the blood. Yet even believers have become comfortable with our



Edward Knippers and Sandra Bowden
discussing the exhibit at the May 10 reception.

age as it tries to disembody reality. Physicality is messy; it is demanding and always a challenge to control.

"The naked human body is one way of starkly stating that we have nowhere to hide. Further, it allows me to have something of the spiritual timelessness of the Eastern Icon tradition by avoiding the cultural trappings of modern or ancient dress and, at the same time, enabling me to ground my subjects in the specifics of time and space (the glory of the Western tradition). This bridging of the two traditions is important to me because the spirituality of the Biblical events is as solid and real as the events themselves.

"In finding the spiritual in the interactions and..."

*To read the rest of this article, go to
www.stchristopherschatham.org/gallery.*

Work of Our Hands II

The Gallery at St. Christopher's will be hosting an art exhibit featuring the works of our members and friends: *The Work of Our Hands II*. Show entries may be in various forms such as paintings, photographs, drawings, sculpture, fabric arts, collage, print making, wood turning, pottery, poetry, etc. Up to two items per person may be submitted. Items should be ready for hanging or display. The opening reception is scheduled for June 16 after the 10 am Choral Eucharist. Items may be dropped off at the church on June 11 and 12 from 1 to 4 pm or by special arrangement. Contact persons: Jean Greenough at 945-4732, and Marie Williams at 945-4444.



The late Peg Falconer poses next to her painting, which appeared in the first Work of Our Hands exhibit.



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Parish Administrator

Barbara Bush
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Ali Crockett
Facilities Manager

Peter Hughes
Treasurer

Bridgette Renaud
Assistant Treasurer

Priscilla Chick, R.N.
Parish Nurse

Eileen Aldrich
Manager, Gift Shop

Sandra Bowden
Curator, The Gallery

Ted and Martha Miller
Managers, Food Pantry

Lou Augustin
Sexton

Lynn Van Dine
and **Tim Weller**,
Soundings copy editors.

Liturgical Q & A (part II)



Susan Sargent
Sacristan,
Altar Guild

Q: What is a corporal?

A: A square piece of linen that sits on the altar under the chalice at communion.

Q: Who launders and irons all those linens on the altars?

A: Members of the Altar Guild!

Q: Who designed and made the green paraments in the sanctuary?

A: Sandra Bowden made the beautiful green paraments in the sanctuary.

Q: What is a sacristan?

A: The sacristan is the head of the Altar Guild.

Q: Where is the ambry?

A: The ambry is a locked case to the back and side of the altar. It holds reserve sacraments (in case the priest runs out during communion!).

Parish Statistics

Baptism

Mary Amelia Simonds
April 28, 2019

Deaths

Gretchen Gulick
October 16, 2018

Paul Hamilton
April 4, 2019

Marriages

Catie Kelly & Bill Karalis
May 25, 2019

Peter Saunders
February 10, 2019

Sarah Lanning
April 30, 2019

Dorothy Shepherd
March 3, 2019

Patricia Cass
May 20, 2019

Leonard Magnusson
March 22, 2019

David Garre, Jr.
May 29, 2019

Dean Van Nest
March 26, 2019

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